

CHAPTER NO. 383

HOUSE BILL NO. 951

By Representatives Brooks, Lois DeBerry

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1075

By Senator Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 21, relative to the Human Rights Commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Joint Task Force on Human Rights. The members of the task force shall be composed of the Deputy Governor, Commissioner of Finance and Administration, Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, Comptroller of the Treasury, Attorney General and Reporter, Chair of the Human Rights Commission, Chairs of the Finance Ways and Means Committees of the House and Senate, Chairs of the State and Local Committees of the House and Senate, Chair of the Caucus of Black Legislators, and two (2) members of the House and Senate appointed by the respective Speakers thereof. The office of the Comptroller of the Treasury shall provide staff assistance to the task force.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the task force is to undertake a review of the purposes, activities and operations of the Human Rights Commission created by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-201, and to develop its recommendations relative thereto. The task force shall make its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly not later than January 15, 2000. The task force's findings and recommendations should include its estimates of the budget resources necessary for the human rights commission to fulfill its mission.

SECTION 3. In conducting its review, the task force should solicit input from current and former members and staff of the Human Rights Commission; federal funding entities; members of the general public; audit reports relative to the operations of the Human Rights Commission; information from other states; and, any other sources as may be deemed appropriate by the task force. Each state agency shall, upon request, cooperate with requests for information and/or assistance from the task force.

SECTION 4. The legislative members of the task force shall be entitled per diem and expenses as otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 26, 1999



JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 14th day of June 1999



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